Army HSMS Newsletter

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INSIDE THIS ISSUE

HSMS V2.4.1 APPROVED FOR FIELDING

Yes!!! – HSMS v2.4.1 was accepted on October 9, 2002 at Ft. Rucker, Alabama. The complete list of Engineering Change Proposal's that are included in this release will be made available and posted on the web towards the end of October. The DAISY and HMIRS interfaces were tested and verified to be working as expected. This version of HSMS should address the major/critical issues that the HSMS user community has been asking for. The fielding schedule is currently being developed and coordinated by APM HSMS and the CAO with the TNOSC. The schedule will be coordinated with the site ADBM by the CAO once TNOSC coordination has been completed, so please be patient as this is developed. Non-TNOSC sites will also be contacted by the CAO for coordination and scheduling of their 2.4.1 upgrade.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Ft. Rucker personnel who extended a warm welcome to the CAO and other HSMS representatives at the Lead Site Verification Test (LSVT). Once again Ft. Rucker allowed us to conduct the LSVT at their location and provided us with whatever we needed to perform the mission.
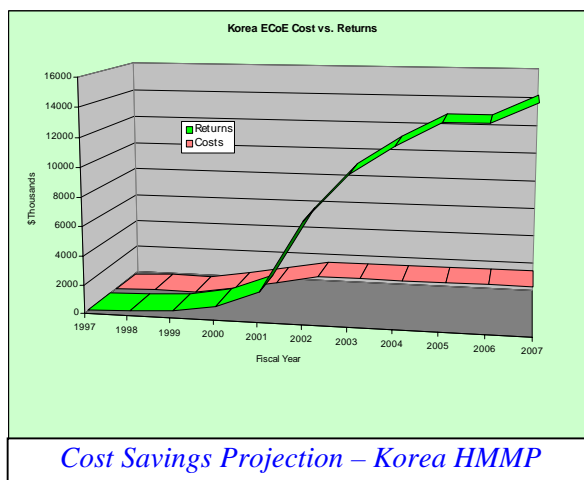*Contributed By: Bill Langston, U.S. Army Environmental Center*

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY!! ACT NOW AND REGISTER FOR THE NOVEMBER FUT-S CLASS

Act now to reserve seats in the November 12th-15th, 2002 HSMS Functional User Training-Sustainment Class is now available. Class size is limited, therefore registration will be handled on a first come first serve priority basis.   The training will be held at USAEC's Training Facility located at Aberdeen Proving Ground's Edgewood Area, MD. If you are interested in attending this class, please e-mail Aaron Tomarchio at aaron.tomarchio@aec.apgea.army.mil

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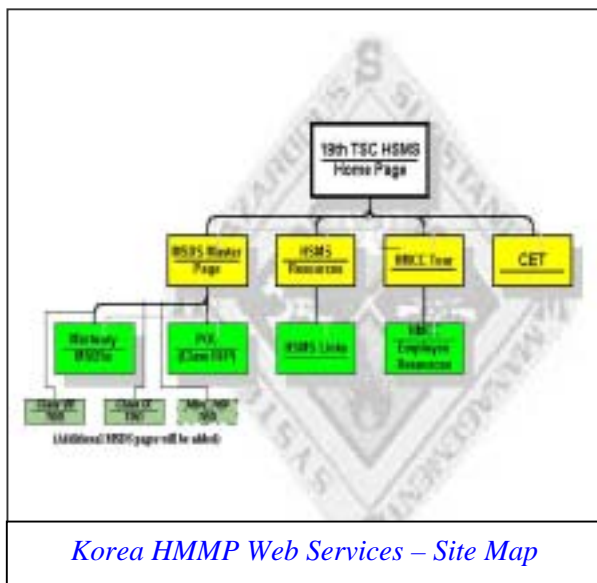
The US Forces Korea (USFK) Hazardous Materials Management Program (HMMP), which started in 1997, has evolved into a premier HMMP/HSMS site, and is expected to save the Army approximately $10 million over the course of the next five years as depicted in the chart below.

Cost Savings Projection – Korea HMMP

This success did not happen without effort – the basic challenge of implementing and operating HMMP at military bases in a foreign country was (and still is) significant. The HSMS implementation teams overcame obstacles such as language barrier, security issues, telecommunications problems, and many others that required innovation and perseverance.

From a modest beginning at Camp Carroll, Area IV (20th Support Group), the program has grown to encompass the entire South Korean peninsula. Five centralized locations serve 89 local and remote Army enclaves from contractor-operated HMCC Hazmarts.

Chugach Support Services and Dynamac Corporation operate the project jointly, with a current total work force of 25 employees. The program is directed by the 19th Theater Support Command (TSC) Environmental Office, which also shared the burden of implementation and deserves much of the credit for the current success of the program. Mr. Bill Donnelly, Director of the Environmental Office, and Mr. Kim, Chon Il, Environmental Engineer, have been instrumental in the success of the Korea program.

As the program has evolved, the key to success has been constant re-evaluation the goals and objectives of the program to insure that they are realistic and truly beneficial to the Armed Forces in Korea, and that feedback from all participants is heard and responded to. As a result of this approach, the current program includes:

Korea HMMP Web Services – Site Map

➢ Four HMCC/Hazmart complexes and one "Virtual" HMCC (Material Support Center-Korea, or MSC-K, Camp Carroll) that were constructed, installed, and brought to full operational capability.
➢ Working agreements (MOU) were established to formalize procedures and to insure proper coordination between the main supply points and the HMCC's at all five locations.
➢ Conducted more than three hundred Unit Support Briefings, with associated Initial HM Inventories, to capture HM data and provide HMCC interface procedures to the field units that participate in HMMP.
➢ Instituted specialized management policies and procedures to meet unique requirements of a Korea HMMP.
➢ Antifreeze recycling is operational at all four Hazmart facilities.
➢ Established a DPW HM control office at 34th Support Group DPW.
➢ Realized Cost Savings & Cost Avoidance in the first half of CY2002 of $770,000.

➢ Instituted other initiatives including free drum issue, HM reissue, and accountability to the Host Nation for sensitive chemicals.
➢ In April, an ACSIM tour recognized the Area IV HMCC as the best of over 50 such facilities toured during the ACSIM review (see photo below).

The forward thinking of the Korea HMMP team also resulted in creation of a comprehensive Web service (see site map) that provides HM users with everything needed to learn about and participate in HMMP.

The key features of the Web site are the new user orientation, the ability to look up and retrieve any Material Safety Data Sheet that has been input into the system, and the ability to report HSMS bar code serial numbers and item quantity used back to the Hazmart.

The latter allows accurate and timely data capture for the hundreds of user units, from any internet-connected workstation.

In addition to supporting the Web service, the ADBM in Korea, engineered the inclusion of HMMP and HSMS into the networking infrastructure of USFK (US Forces Korea) information systems, and has achieved accreditation and certifications in all applicable aspects of Information Management in Korea, which provides the dual benefit of self-sufficient operation of HSMS workstations and decrease of workload for local IMO's.

Plans are in place to fully implement the HSMS Waste Module Korea-wide this year. This full integration of HSMS will result in even greater cost savings than are currently projected, and will further demonstrate the value of the HMMP to the Korea armed forces community, and will spur growth of the program. Future prospects are demonstrated by the fact that meetings with the Eighth U.S. Army's DCSLOG this spring have resulted in a proposed 8th Army regulation that will improve compliance with HMMP in Korea.

Those interested in more information on the Korea HMMP are invited to contact the author at the email address below.

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HELPFUL INFORMATION FOR HSMS USERS!
The HSMSMGR User Account

HSMS users are reminded that the HSMSMGR user is typically the installation ADBM who is responsible for the integrity of the HSMS database objects. The HSMSMGR user must always be an active account and the password should not be changed. When this account is altered, changed or made inactive, the site could encounter significant problems with their database and in the event this account is deleted, the database ceases to exist. Additionally, this account is what allows for exports of the database in preparation of pending upgrades and in resolving problems.

Contributed by: HSMS Customer Assistance Office

A LOOK AT HMIRS (HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INFORMATION RESOURCE SYSTEM)

The Defense Logistics Agency is working to implement the Department of Defense's Hazardous Materials Information Resource System (HMIRS). HMIRS is an information management system that provides employees of the DoD and other civilian agencies with easy access to hazardous materials risk and incident response information designed to protect human health and safety.

HMIRS will provide major benefits to the federal government by serving as:

- The federal government's comprehensive collection of chemical regulatory information of over 270,000 Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS), labels, and related transportation and disposal information.
- A primary feed of Environmental Health and Safety compliance data from procurement, inventory tracking, occupational health and safety and environmental compliance.
- A universally accessible tool that provides DoD/federal employees "Right-to-Know" access to hazard documents in the workplace.

Key HMIRS Features:
HMIRS offers these essential tools for effective, flexible access to critical information:

- *MSDS Submittal Web Site*. An MSDS submittal web site provides convenient real-time avenue for suppliers to electronically submit MSDS and related data, streamlining the data submittal process.

- *XML Support*. HMIRS will provides support for XML data submittals, revolutionizing MSDS exchange from supplier to purchaser.
- *Web-based Access*. Secure web-based access to HMIRS will be provided to government agencies, workers, and suppliers facilitating easy-to-use read-only access to HMIRS MSDS and value-added data.
- *Customized Lists*. A "customized lists" feature will allow users to configure tailored views of the HMIRS data base, providing government agencies and workers immediate access to only the information that is needed.
- *CD-ROM Version*. HMIRS also provide a CD-ROM version of the system for use by local authorities and first responders. Using the "customized lists" function, tailored CD-ROM sets will be created that contain only the information needed by the targeted users.

For more information, access the HMIRS on the web at:

http://www.dlis.dla.mil/hmirs/

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HMMP WORKGROUP CONFERENCE SCHEDULED

A HMMP Workgroup Conference has been scheduled for November 13-14, 2002 at the Booz Allen Hamilton Conference Center in Abingdon, Maryland (right outside the APG Edgewood Area). The workgroup will meet to discuss and finalize the draft HMMP document as well as identify best practices for implementing an installation level HMMP. For more information, contact Aaron Tomarchio at aaron.tomarchio@aec.apgea.army.mil.

SUCCESS STORIES WANTED

We are looking for success stories. If you feel you have implemented a success, we would enjoy hearing from you and sharing it with other readers!

Please e-mail any success story information to Aaron Tomarchio at aaron.tomarchio@aec.apgea.army.mil.

NEW ADBMS?

Due to a variety of circumstances, installations may experience personnel turnover/change. If your installation experiences a change in ADBM personnel, PLEASE contact the CAO ASAP at (888) 800-7242 or hsms@saic.com with contact information for the new ADBM.

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NEW INSTALLATION POCS?

As installations experience personnel turnover, the installation HSMS POC may change. If your installation experiences a change in the HSMS POC, PLEASE contact Mr. Ryan Messier at (703) 906-5491 or e-mail at ryan.messier@aec.apgea.army.mil with the new contact information.

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FY03 HSMS TRAINING CALENDAR

The Army Environmental Center is proud to announce The HMMP/HSMS Fiscal Year 03 Training Schedule

Application Database Manager (ADBM):

25Feb – 7 Mar 2003	*Army Environmental Center APG- Edgewood Area, MD*
22 Jul – 1 Aug 2003	Army Logistics Management College (ALMC) Ft. Lee, VA

Functional User Training – Sustainment:

12-15 Nov 2002	*Army Environmental Center APG- Edgewood Area, MD*
7-10 Jan 2003	Army Logistics Management College (ALMC) Ft. Lee, VA
3-6 Jun 2003	Army Logistics Management College (ALMC) Ft. Lee, VA

Crystal Reports:

24-27 Jun 2003	Army Logistics Management College (ALMC) Ft. Lee, VA
30 Sept – 3 Oct 2003	Army Logistics Management College (ALMC) Ft. Lee, VA

Application Database Manager (ADBM) Training. ADBMs have first priority for available course slots. Army GS employees, followed by installation on-site HSMS contractor, Corps of Engineer HSMS implementation contractors and others are welcome to attend on a space available basis. The course is open to all personnel with Army HSMS associated individuals having priority. The AEC funds the course instruction. Attendees must be funded by the respective site or organization for travel and per diem.

This course has been revised to incorporate 4-days of functional user training (designed to ensure that the assigned ADBM has functional knowledge of how HSMS operates). The remainder of the 9-day course will focus on those skills the ADBM must have to support HSMS operations at the installation. It is not required that the ADBM attend the first 4-days of instruction if they have the functional knowledge to operate HSMS.

Functional User Training – Sustainment (FUT-S). FUT-S is hands-on user training available to installations that have implemented HSMS. FUT-S is designed as non-installation specific hands-on user training which is geared toward new users or users looking for refresher training on the functionality of the HSMS software. FUT-S instruction includes all HSMS software modules. FUT-S provides installations with a mechanism to help train personnel who are new to the program due to personnel rotation and support for advanced learning initiatives.

This course will expand on the hazardous waste module used by HSMS as well as other functional areas. Please note, the 9-day ADBM course incorporates the 4-day FUT-S instruction. Some space for FUT-S students may be available.

NOTE: If your installation has HSMS Users that did not or were not able to attend v2.4 transition training then AEC highly recommends FUT-S. AEC funds the course of instruction. Installations or the sending organization must fund the attendee travel and per diem for course attendance.

Crystal Reports Crystal Reports training is a new course that has been added to the curriculum. It is a 4-day beginner course geared to instruct attendees on how to integrate Crystal Reporting into their HSMS Program. The course begins with basic topics for those who have limited or no knowledge on how to use Crystal Reports. Topics are covered in succession that builds on all of the fundamental Crystal Reporting concepts that are useful for creating

HSMS reports. Learn how to generate and have great looking accurate Crystal Reports!

(Some folks with more advanced knowledge could still benefit from the course).

First priority will be given to ADBMs currently supporting Army installations operating HSMS. All others will be accepted on a case-by-case basis. Funding for the travel and per diem costs to attend this training is the responsibility of the installation.

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TRAINING INFOMATION

For more information on ADBM, FUT-S Training or Crystal Reports training, please contact: Aaron Tomarchio at (410) 436-1231or via email at
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UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER	
28th	HMMP Workgroup Call
NOVEMBER	
6th	HMMP Draft Document Comments Due to Ryan Messier at USAEC
13th –14th	**HMMP Workgroup Conference Abingdon, Maryland**

MONTHLY POLL

Command support is an integral part of an effective HMMP. How much command emphasis is placed on your HMMP/HSMS program?

Rate It! (1-5)

Minimal   Moderate   Maximum

1   2   3   4   5

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Using a scale of 1-4 please rate the usefulness of this letter to your operation.

- **4 – Very Helpful & Useful**
- **3 – Helpful and Useful**
- **2 – Somewhat Helpful/Useful**
- **1 – Not at all Helpful/Useful**

Is there anything you would like to see in future newsletters?

To date, a majority of respondents have rated this newsletter a 3 "Helpful & Useful".
Please e-mail your comments to Aaron Tomarchio at
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PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT

The purpose of this newsletter is to keep the U.S. Army community abreast of ongoing activities associated with the implementation of HSMS and to distribute summary articles that provide useful items of interest to all concerned members. It is recognized that this publication now transcends the Army community and embraces other military services and Federal agencies. This Newsletter is not limited to items of interest focused on the HSMS software but encompasses the entire spectrum of hazardous materials and waste management business practices as they pertain to the HSMS Program.

Everyone is invited to submit articles, problem descriptions, comments, or other pertinent information of interest to fellow members. If possible, keep article size to one-half to three-quarters of a page. Mail (e-mail) your items for publication, and we will add them to the newsletter version that follows their receipt.
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